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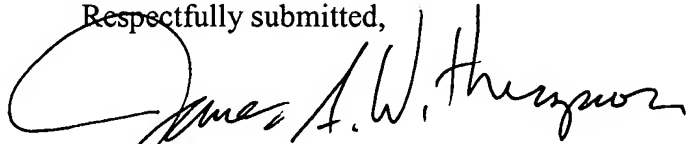
DE 695 08 281T (a copy of which is not enclosed), WO 96/20848 and US 5,938,286 are members of the same patent family. DE 199 49 759 C1 discloses a seat with a fitting, and the fitting having a pawl with only one row of teeth. DE 198 50 751 C1 discloses a seat, with the seat including a fitting having a pawl (18) with two mouths opened in the same direction (counterclockwise in Fig. 4), secured by a spring (14a), and cooperating with two different bolts (15, 16) to lock the two positions of the backrest. DE 100 34 430 A1 discloses a seat with a fitting, and the fitting having a pawl with only one row of teeth. DE 1 068 985 A1 discloses a locking device for connecting the seat to the vehicle floor, and the pawl of the device only has one mouth.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

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## **U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	2	DE 199 49 759 C1	10-26-2000	Bertrand Faure Sitztechnik GmbH & Co. KG		*
	3	DE 198 50 751 C1	05-10-2000	ISE Innomotive Systems Europe GmbH		*
	4	DE 100 34 430 A1	01-31-2002	Faurecia Autositze GmbH & Co. KG		*
	5	EP 1 068 985 A1	01-17-2001	Johnson Controls GmbH		*
	6	WO 96/20848	07-11-1996	Tricom Automotive Limited		
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